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### **SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO --United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOSHUA SAMEK, 23, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to five years in federal prison, to be followed by eight years of supervised release. The defendant pleaded guilty to Possession of Child Pornography on September 7, 2007.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the High Tech Crimes Task Force, a federal, state, and local task force that focuses on the investigation and prosecution of computer crimes. This investigation was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov) or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who prosecuted the case,

Judge Burrell, in sentencing the defendant, said that the defendant's conduct was extremely serious, contributing to the sexual victimization of the children depicted in the images and videos he possessed.

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